## Community News and Opportunities for Action, WEEK of April 21st, 2019

reporting on events & issues of peace, justice, and sustainability affecting us and future generations in Alaska, broadcasting on Sundays, 8am & 6pm on KWRK-LP 90.9 FM/kwrk.org Radio in Fairbanks, Alaska. Be ready for opportunities to participate!

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| “April”   | is   | **National Child Abuse Prevention Month**, a time to recognize that we each can play an important role in promoting the social and emotional well-being of children and families in communities. Research shows that these five protective factors reduce the risk of child abuse and neglect:  
- Parental resilience  
- Social connections  
- Knowledge of parenting and child development  
- Concrete support in times of need  
- Healthy social and emotional development of children
If you see or suspect child abuse or neglect, say something. Report it to the Office of Children’s Services:  
Call: 1-800-478-4444  
Fax: 907-269-3939  
ReportChildAbuse@alaska.gov” | Learn More from threadalaska.org and thrivalaska.com |

### Community organizations & contact info for local, state, and federal government representatives.
A reminder! Today and every day: visit, call, email, write your legislators, congresspersons and city and borough assemblies and write letters to the editor about issues being acted on and affecting peace, justice, and sustainability.

*Some* Issues of Peace, Justice, and Sustainability to be brought up

--- Many of the same bills that have been under consideration in recent weeks. Please check out the legislative calendar via the link below, find out more, and contact your legislators to let them know how legislation could affect you and others.

See more of the legislative schedule and links to related info here:  
4/21-28/19

Much of the proceedings are televised and/or **Streamed live on AKL.tv**

- and there are opportunities to testify; Contact your LIO for more information >>>>>>

### This Week Opportunities for Action

**Take Action During Congressional Recess** - 2 weeks, starting April 15, per League of Women Voters: “This home-work period should be a time for them to meet with their constituents and hear about support or opposition to the issues being debated in the Washington D.C. That includes the For the People Act* in the U.S. Senate. This legislation is an historic opportunity to expand voting rights, enact ethics reform, and limit the influence of big money in politics.”

* "At the same time that the bill tries to make more of our political system free from the influence of money, it puts financial barriers in the way." HR 1 would open Federal matching funds to House candidates who raise at least $50,000 from at least 1000

*Schedules often change. Contact your Legislative Information Office (LIO). In Fbks: 452-4448

“Contact your Senators right now to demand a hearing on the For the People Act.”
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<td><strong>FNSB Sustainability Commission subcommittee mtg</strong> - “to discuss upcoming outreach events... Open to the public, but there is no format for public testimony. For more info contact FNSB Community Planning Dept...459-1260.”</td>
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<td><strong>FCAC Policy &amp; Politics mtg</strong> - If interested but not yet involved: See <a href="http://www.fairbanksclimateaction.org">www.fairbanksclimateaction.org</a> or Facebook/FairbanksClimateAction</td>
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|           | 6 potluck 7pm event | **Peter Phillips Lecture (on YouTube) Giants: the Global Power Elite** - Alaska Peace Center winter monthly event - Peter Phillips is the former director of Project Censored, an organization exposing underreported news stories and highlighting the important links among a free press, media literacy, and democratic self-government. The APC office (with KWRK-LP studio) is upstairs from the Fuji Steakhouse in the College Mall building. Stairs are at the west end, sharing an external door with the steakhouse.  
**Fairbanks Peace Choir Spring Concert** directed by Flyn Ludington, with pianist, Dr. Paul Krejci. At the concert the Peace Choir welcomes the **debut performance of the Rainbow Choir**, directed by Gwen Brazier, also accompanied by Dr. Paul Krejci. “Join us for this empowering event!” Trees Spring 2019 Concert.jpg | Alaska Peace Center Office 3535 College Rd, suite 203 |
| Saturday, April 27 | 8-10am | **Birding on Saturday Mornings** with Arctic Audubon Society - Local birding experts will lead a series of 3 Saturday morning birding field trips. Bring binoculars, snack, rubber boots if you have them. More info at arcticaudubon.org or Beth at 907-957-1050. | Creamer’s Field Farmhouse parking lot.                                   |
|           | 8-9am  | **Disclosing the Facts 2019 Scorecard Report: Transparency and Risk in Water & Chemicals Management.** Hydraulic fracturing carries a wide range of water-related risks and concerns that need to be managed, from scarcity and quality impacts, to wastewater management and recycling, induced seismicity and more. Investors need assurance that companies are responsibly managing their water use and risk. We will provide an analysis of industry trends, industry leaders and laggards, in addition to leading practices for management and improved transparency around water and chemical management. | Webinar REGISTER NOW          |
|           | 12-4pm | **Spring Migration Celebration** - For all ages. Come celebrate the return of our Migratory Birds to the Interior of Alaska. Volunteers will be at the viewing platform with binoculars and spotting scopes to assist with bird identification. There will be information tables and a variety of activities for the whole family. | Creamers Field Migratory Waterfowl Refuge                                 |
| Sunday, April 28 | 4-6pm  | **Interfaith Prayer Circle for Earth and Creation** – Join us for a special program of interfaith prayer, reflection, and fellowship as we celebrate good stewardship of the Earth. This prayer circle will consist of program contributions from a wide range of faith backgrounds, including prayer, music, drumming, and more. The prayer circle will be followed by a potluck, so please bring food to share! | JP Jones Center 2400 Rickert St.                                          |
| Mon Apr 29 | 7am -4pm | **36th Annual Alaska Tribal Court Conference** - Tribal Courts: Guardians of Justice  
For more information visit: [http://tribal.uaf.edu/atcc](http://tribal.uaf.edu/atcc) | Tanana Chiefs Conference, 122 1st Ave Ste 600 |
| Tuesday, April 30 | | *from Smart Justice Alaska: “[T]aking the fight to protect and improve Alaska's justice reforms directly to lawmakers.* Be a part of Smart Justice Alaska's Legislative Fly-In on Tuesday, April 30-Wednesday May 1, 2019. We'll be meeting with legislators and their staff to make the case that our justice system should be centered around people, not prisons.  
**Sign up here to participate.**  
“Understanding that the costs of travel may pose a hardship, Smart Justice Alaska has a limited number of travel | to our capital in Juneau |
scholarships, prioritized for individuals from key legislative districts with lived experience in Alaska’s justice system (for example, formerly incarcerated individuals, family members of incarcerated individuals, etc.). Budget permitting, others may be considered for scholarships as well.

“Help us spread the word! If you have contacts who would make great advocates on this issue, please invite them to sign up as well.

“...In partnership, Triada Stampas, Policy Director, ACLU of Alaska”

12-2pm  **Start a Garden & Kickstart Your Health** 12-1pm at Nenana Parish Church;  **Build a Compost Pile** 1-2 at Nenana Community Garden **&** Okease bring food scraps to contribute! UAF Cooperative Extension & TCC. For Info Contact hbrader@alaska.edu

**Nenana**

**Wednesday May 1** 11:30am-1pm  **:: 2nd Annual Justice for MMIW Awareness Walk**  ... This walk is held to bring awareness and to honor the multitude of Alaska Native and American Indian women who have been murdered or gone missing. Please wear red to support. Meet at the main entrance of the Westmark Hotel. For any questions, please contact Elizabeth at 907-371-6610 elizabeth@hnhcoalition.org or Janelle at 328-3990 janelle.chapin@aknwrc.org.

**Westmark Hotel, Noble St. Fbks**

**Deadline for nominations**  ... for the **ALASKA CONSERVATION FOUNDATION 2019 AWARDS** for individuals and organizations that are making a significant difference in their efforts to protect Alaska’s natural environment. Awardees will be celebrated at an awards reception on October 3 in Anchorage. This year’s award categories include:

- Lifetime Achievement
- Outstanding Professional Contributions
- Outstanding Achievements by a Conservation Organization
- Excellence in Still Photography, Film or Video
- Outstanding Achievements by an Alaska Native Organization or Individual

For more information or to nominate someone, go to our website or call 907-433-8212.

**Thursday May 2** 5:30pm  **Alaska Peace Center mtg**

**Lathrop HS Hering Auditorium 901 Airport Way**

**Friday May 3** 5:30pm  **Golden Valley Electric Association (GVEA) Annual Members’ Mtg** – Fbks Climate Action Coalition (FCAC) suggests, “This is YOUR opportunity to get engaged as a member-owner of Golden Valley Electric Association – the electricity cooperative that you own if you pay an electric bill. We need you to show up, bring your friends and neighbors and co-workers to testify and help make the message clear that Fairbanks wants a transition to renewable energy & energy efficiency! We will provide more talking points closer to the event, but make sure this is on your radar! RSVP on Facebook”

Also check out  **Raven About Broadband**

**Anchorage Downtown Marriott**  
For more information visit akcenter.org, email michael@akcenter.org or call (907) 274-3647.

**Saturday May 4** 10-11am  **Mother’s Day Purse Project & Kits for Kids** - community event to provide purses & pillowcases filled with essential items for women & children in need: socks, lotion, shampoo, toothpaste, diapers, etc. “#MothersDayPurseProjectKitsforKids

**Church of Latter-Day Saints 1500 Cowles St.**
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**Good News category:**

from *Fairbanks Housing and Homeless Coalition*: **Hope Housing Opening** - Hope House Transitional Sober Living is a faith-based, housing of hope that refers to safe, healthy, and substance-free living environments that support individuals in recovery from addiction... where people who are actively seeking sobriety can find safety in an alcohol- and drug-free setting... centered on peer support and a connection to services that promote long-term recovery... We provide advocacy, behavioral health services, anger management education, coordination of services, parenting classes, life skill coaching, and rehabilitative services in a structured setting...

*Hope House Brochure* *Mothers in Recovery Brochure* *Application*

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**Ongoing Campaigns, Recent Past Events, Issues not specific to Alaska, and/or without specific date**

from *Access Alaska*: **Contact Your Legislators: Tell them to Preserve Alaska’s Senior and Disabilities Services**

“The link below will take you to an easy way to both identify your legislator and the link will send a letter to them pointing out why the 5% reduction is unfair and will harm our system. All you have to do is fill out your information and the zip code on the address will identify your legislator and align the letter with their email. Just click on submit after you see the letter addressed to them. Make a note of your legislator’s name and email for future requests.

“Please share this link with your staff and families. We really need legislators to understand how harmful this will be.”

https://preservealaskasds.com/.../governor-proposed-cuts-medi...
Alaska’s Department of Health and Social Services (DHSS) has proposed 5% decrease to the reimbursement rate for Personal Care Services (PCS) and Home and Community-Based Waiver Services (HCBS) that will directly impact the access and availability to quality supports for Alaska’s seniors and individuals who experience disability throughout our State. This 5% reduction is coupled with withholding of Provider inflationary rate adjustments which have impacted these services for three out of the last four fiscal years and increasing administrative burdens. Please tell your legislators to request that DHSS exclude HCBS and PCS programs from Medicaid reimbursement cuts, because these services are vital to Alaskans. What can you do: [P]lease contact your legislator [ASAP] to make them aware that:

- They may not have all the information about the Medicaid cuts
- PersonalCareSvcs and Home&CommunityBasedSvcs are not exempt
- There are no protections in place to ensure access to PCS and HCBS for Alaska’s seniors and those who experience disability
- The industry has not been asked what the potential impact of these rate reductions might be to access or quality of services
- Access to PCS and HCBS will be detrimentally impacted by these actions

The Governor’s budget recommends approximately $761 Million in cuts to Medicaid services. This means nearly half of the Governor’s proposed $1.6 Billion reduction in state spending is targeted at Medicaid. Cuts of this magnitude to the state’s Medicaid system will harm thousands of Alaskans who rely on Medicaid long term care to help them stay healthy in their homes.”

Hearings on the future of draft registration and Selective Service - The National Commission on Military, National, and Service has announced the invited panelists -- including [Ed Hasbrouk of the Military Law Task Force] -- for their 2 days of hearings on Selective Service next Wednesday & Thursday in Washington, DC...

[Hasbrouk has posted his] written statement and links to more info at: https://hasbrouck.org/blog/archives/002342.html

This will be the most important public forum on registration and the draft in the USA in at least 30 years.

If you can't be [at the hearings], you can submit written comments through the end of 2019 using this form or by e-mail to "info@inspire2serve.gov" (mentioning "Docket No. 05-2018-01" in the subject line of your e-mail message), and sign this petition to end draft registration’. Peace, Edward Hasbrouck”

Click here to view our library of resources”

from Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority Land Office (TLO): “Decision to Issue a Negotiated Placer Lease - Ester Creek...in the best interest of teh Alasa Mental Health Trust and its beneficiaries... The Trust land affected by the decision is located in the vicinity of Ester Creek, near Ester, Alaska... consisting of 76 acres... Persons who elieve that ... it is not in the best interests of the Trust or its beneficiaries or ...[other reasons] must provide written comments [by] 4:30pm May 20, 2019. Comments should be submitted to the TLO at 2600 Cordova St, Suite 100, Anchorage, AK 99503, or by fax (907) 269-8905 or email mhtlo@alaska.gov ... Copies of the written decision are available at teh TLO, or at https://alaskamentalhealthtrust.org/trust-land-office/.”

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US wants two years to ID migrant kids separated from families, per 4-719 article in Fbks Daily News-Miner

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“CIA Air Wars (signature needed)” from winwithoutwar. “After huge public pressure, the Pentagon was just forced to admit — for the first time — that its drone killing squad has a devastatingly deadly cost on civilians in Somalia. [1]

But that’s not enough. We HAVE to keep up the pressure to stop the CIA from waging secret air wars around the world before even more civilians are hurt —

[2] can you add your name to tell Representative Don Young and Senators Lisa Murkowski and Dan Sullivan to ban secret CIA drone strikes NOW?

Thank you, Tara P.S. Check out my original email below

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Red Alert: This month, Trump signed an Executive Order that could allow the CIA to become a secret killing squad, with no way to know how many people they kill. [1]... around the world ... killing civilians, [2] including Somalia, Yemen, and Pakistan. And now there is literally nothing in U.S. law requiring reporting on civilian casualties by the CIA — making those wars completely invisible. But Congress can stop the CIA from waging secret air wars around the world — by banning the CIA from conducting drone strikes entirely. So it’s time for us to make sure Congress hears us loud and clear:

Tell Representative Don Young and Senators Lisa Murkowski and Dan Sullivan to ban the secret CIA drone strikes NOW!

Halimo Mohamed Abdi was hit by a drone strike in Bariire, outside of the Somali capital of Mogadishu. Before losing consciousness, she saw three little boys, ages 9, 10, and 16, die in explosions. The strike broke her hips, left shrapnel in her thigh and terrible burns on her chest. After being hospitalized for 3 months, she returned to her
home in ruins and 25 of her goats dead. She was forced to move to a camp housing tens of thousands of Somalis fleeing U.S. airstrikes, and fighting between Al Shabab and the Somali government. [3]

Thank you for working for peace, Tara, Kate, Mariam, and the Win Without War team

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[3] Foreign Policy, "U.S. Bombardments Are Driving Somalis From Their Homes"  

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Denali Elementary Proximity to Cell Phone Towers - These studies recommend 300, 400, even 500 meter "exclusion zones" surrounding cell phone towers. Fairbanks has many houses and at least two schools (Denali and U Park) that didn't take these peer-reviewed journals into account before granting cell phone tower permits:

- **International Journal of Occupational and Environmental Health**: Increased prevalence of adverse neurobehavioral symptoms or cancer in populations living closer than 500 meters from cell phone towers, despite exposure levels within international safety guidelines

- **Science of the Total Environment**: Mortality rate from neoplasia was 34.76 per 10,000 inhabitants within 500 meters of cell phone towers in Belo Horizonte, Brazil. Outside of these areas, neoplasia deaths were significantly reduced. The largest density power was 40.78 μW/cm(2), and the smallest was 0.04 μW/cm(2).

- **Environmental Medicine Society (German)**: Proportion of newly developing cancer cases was significantly higher among those patients who had lived during the past ten years at a distance of up to 400 meters from the cellular transmitter site.

- **Pathology Biology (France)**: Among residents near cell phone towers, women report significantly more headache, nausea, loss of appetite, sleep disturbance, depression, discomfort and visual perturbations than men. Human occupancy should exceed 300 meters from cell phone base stations.

- **Electromagnetic Biology and Medicine**: Residents living within 80 meters of cell phone towers have significantly more DNA damage and antioxidants in peripheral blood lymphocytes, compared to residents 300 meters from cell phone towers.

More studies on these topics are listed at [http://www.5gfrequencyfreefairbanks.org/](http://www.5gfrequencyfreefairbanks.org/)

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**Dozens of Doctors in 7 States Charged in Opioid Fraud Bust**

... in Appalachia, a region hard-hit by the U.S. opioid crisis, have been charged with writing hundreds of thousands of illegal prescriptions and committing healthcare fraud, federal prosecutors said on Wednesday. Sixty people, including 31 doctors, were accused of illegally prescribing opioid drugs in exchange for cash and sexual favors...

"The opioid epidemic is the deadliest drug crisis in American history...." Attorney General William P. Barr said in a statement.

Some 130 Americans die every day from an opioid overdose, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention...

Excerpt from Reuters Health Information © 2019 via Dozens of Doctors in 7 States Charged in Opioid Fraud Bust - Medscape - Apr 17, 2019.

APC editor’s note: AK Sen. Dan Sullivan cited the opioid epidemic as reason for supporting Trump’s ongoing emergency order, whereas, per New York Times 3-26-19, “Purdue Pharma, the maker of OxyContin, and its owners, the Sackler family, agreed to pay $270 million to avoid going to a state court trial over the company’s role in the opioid addiction epidemic that has killed more than 200,000 Americans over the past two decades. The payment, negotiated to settle a case brought by the state of Oklahoma, was far larger than two previous settlements Purdue Pharma had reached with other states. It could jolt other settlement talks with the company, including those in a consolidated collection of 1600 cases overseen by a federal judge in Cleveland."

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from Fbks Co-op Market Grocery & Deli: “**Using your own jars and tins** is easy.

1. Stop by customer service first and let a cashier weigh them. She'll write the tare weight on a piece of masking tape and attach it to each container.
2. Fill your containers and write the bin number on the tape.
3. Check out as usual. Your cashier will subtract the tare weight so you don't pay for it.
4. Leave happy, knowing you've helped eliminate unnecessary packaging and saved money, too!

**Why is shopping in Bulk Earth-friendly?**

- When you buy only what you need, whether a pinch or a pound, you waste less food.
- By eliminating packaging, bulk foods reduce the amount of garbage going to the landfill.
• Bulk foods streamline transportation to market, thereby reducing carbon emissions. Save the planet, and save money, too!”

from Earth Day Network: “Earth Day Network is asking people to join our Protect our Species campaign. Our goals are to:
• Educate and raise awareness about the accelerating rate of extinction of millions of species and the causes and consequences of this phenomenon.
• Achieve major policy victories that protect broad groups of species as well as individual species and their habitats.
• Build and activate a global movement that embraces nature and its values.
• Encourage individual actions such as adopting plant based diet and stopping pesticide and herbicide use.

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**Spotlight**

“‘Since 1979, do you know how many times China has been at war with anybody?’” [former U.S. President Jimmy] Carter asked. “None. And we have stayed at war.” The U.S., he noted, has only enjoyed 16 years of peace in its 242-year history, making the country “the most warlike nation in the history of the world,” Carter said. This is, he said, because of America’s tendency to force other nations to “adopt our American principles.”

In China, meanwhile, the economic benefits of peace were clear to the eye. “How many miles of high-speed railroad do we have in this country?” he asked. While China has some 18,000 miles of high-speed rail, the U.S. has “wasted, I think, $3 trillion” on military spending. “It’s more than you can imagine. China has not wasted a single penny on war, and that’s why they’re ahead of us. In almost every way.”

“And I think the difference is if you take $3 trillion and put it in American infrastructure you’d probably have $2 trillion leftover. We’d have high-speed railroad. We’d have bridges that aren’t collapsing, we’d have roads that are maintained properly. Our education system would be as good as that of say South Korea or Hong Kong,” Carter told [his] congregation the 4-15-19 Newsweek article ‘Jimmy Carter Took Call About China From Concerned Donald Trump: 'China Has Not Wasted a Single Penny on War’

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Audio & Songs broadcast with this week’s Community News:

“Hi this is Rob Mulford the Asymmetric Moose with the Asymmetric Moose music picks for the week of April 21, 2019.

There’s one thing that I believe chafes a working class person in that place most folks don’t make a habit of scratching publically… And that goes folks across the so-called political spectrum… And that thing is when a member of the super rich, makes bad financial decisions and later gets bailed out by we plebs who foot the bill. It’s been going on in this country since the first white fella claimed discovery of unceded territory. Since the Rensselaers, Since the Astors, Since the Rockefeller… the Chase Manhattans, and the Bank of Americas, etc. In this first tune Arlo Guthrie sings of one of those that got bailed out decades ago – in I’m Changing my name to Chrysler.

For me, I suppose, listening to Arlo helps scratch at that place I was speaking of earlier. Don’t think I’ll be changing my name to Bezos though. I hope the following tunes help scratch at that spot as well. Next Joe Glazer and Bill Friedland sing - Workingmen Unite

In the spirit of working class consciousness, I offer you the late great, Utah Phillips, Singing the Joe Hill tune - The Preacher and The Slave

In the next piece Joe Glazer and Bill Friedland sing another one of the Wonderful Industrial Workers of the World Minstrel, Joe Hill’s tunes – Tramp

Beautiful is probably the most fitting accolade that I can offer Paul Robeson; a beautiful courageous soul, with a voice to match. Brutalized and unappreciated in this country he was admired by many in others. Here is a 1949 recording of Paul Robeson singing, Joe Hill, to a group of Scottish Coal Miners.

And last but not least, Billy Bragg sings, you’ve probably have guessed it, a Joe Hill tune, the inspirational - There Is Power In A Union.”
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